Payment of gratuity to VVF

3110. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the payment of gratuity to 5869 ex-Village volunteers Force (VVF) of Manipur and Nagaland is kept pending;

(b) if so, reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, why, it has been kept pending for payment so long?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Review of foreigners (Report to police) Orders 1971

3111. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has reviewed the controversial Foreigners (Report to Police) Order 1971 and decided there is not legal obligation for citizens to inform the police whenever foreigners visit or stay in their houses;

(b) if so, whether the orders of his Ministry are grossly violated by the visitors of the neighbouring countries; and

(c) if so, the facts thereof and the further steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Foreigners (Report to Police) Order, 1971 has been repealed on 7th August, 2001 and replaced by a new order *viz.* Foreigners (Report to Police) Order, 2001. According to the new order issued on 7th August, 2001, every Indian citizen should report to the nearest police station of the presence of a foreigner residing in the premises occupied or owned or controlled by him within 24 hours if he has reason to believe that the foreigner is residing in India illegally. This order is applicable to Indian nationals only.